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1. INDOCHINA

SUN'S ISAACS IN SAIGON REPORTS THAT TO DISMAY OF US OFFICIALS, RECENT EVENTS IN SVN LEAVE MANY VIETS CONVINCED THAT US NO LONGER SUPPORTS THIEU. US DIPLOMATS ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT TRUE, BUT BELIEF IS STRONG ENOUGH TO PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE SPREADING UNCLASSIFIED

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ANTI-THIEU MOVEMENT. CUTBACKS IN AID CONTRIBUTE TO IDEA BUT NIXON RESIGNATION IS PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR; AND VIETS SAW NIXON AS THIEU'S PATRON. QUOTES OPPOSITION DEPUTY THAT "ENTHUSIASTIC" THIEU-SUPPORTER

NIXON IS GONE, WHILE HAK "WHO IS UNFRIENDLY TO THIEU" REMAINS. ALSO QUOTES NATL RECONCILIATION FORCES' SEN. MAU THAT THIEU "REPRESENTED" NIXON, SO WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN OFFICE. ISAACS NOTES THAT EXAMPLE OF PRES RESIGNING WHEN HE LOST CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE IS NOT LOST ON VIETS, MANY OF WHOM HOPE THAT THIEU WILL STEP DOWN RATHER THAN RISK CHAOS AND COMMUNIST ADVANCES. THEY SEE HIM AS SO MUCH UNDER US THUMB THAT "WHEN WASHINGTON DECIDES IT IS TIME FOR HIM TO GO, HE WILL OBEDIENTLY LEAVE..." BUT ISAACS SEES FUNDAMENTAL ROOTS OF UNREST AS WAR-WEARINESS AND ECON HARDSHIP. PROMINENT PLAY OF STORY THAT ADMIN CONSIDERING SEEKING

300 MILLION DOLS MORE IN MIL AID FOR SVN "APPEARED DELIBERATELY TIMED TO UNDERSCORE AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THIEU..."

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) FROM SAIGON NOTES THAT CUTS IN US AID HAVE RESULTED IN REDUCED ARVN USE OF AMMO, FUEL AND AIRCRAFT, BUT EXPERTS SAY CUTS HAVE NOT YET MARKEDLY WEAKENED ARMED FORCES AND "REAL CRUNCH" MAY NOT COME UNTIL NEXT YEAR. BUT AID CUTS HAVE HAD EFFECT ON POLITICS, AND POLITICAL CRUNCH MAY PRECEDE MIL SQUEEZE. AID REDUCTIONS HAVE HELPED CONVINCE MANY THIEU OPPONENTS THAT US SLOWLY WITHDRAWING SUPPORT. SOUTHERLAND QUOTES WESTERN DIPLOMAT THAT NIXON FALL WAS REAL BLOW FOR THIEU; WITH AID CUTS, MANY VIETS NOW SEE THIEU AS NOT SO STRONG. OPPOSITION DEPUTY SAYS THESE FACTORS ARE SOME OF REASONS WHY PRESS "GREW MORE COURAGEOUS" AND VIOLENTLY CRITICIZED THIEU'S POLICIES. REVIEWS SOME EFFECTS OF CUTS ON ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING DEPARTURE OF AMERICANS WHO HELP MAINTAIN AND REPAIR VNAF PLANES. QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT THIEU'S DILEMMA IS THAT CRACKDOWN ON POLITICAL OPPONENTS WILL RISK LOSING MORE SUPPORT IN US CONGRESS, WHILE FAILURE TO CRACK DOWN WILL MAKE PEOPLE LESS FEARFUL IN OPPOSING HIM AND SUPPORTERS MAY BEGIN TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE BACKING A LOSER, WHICH COULD PROVE DANGEROUS FOR THEIU. UNCLASSIFIED

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DUDMAN (STLP-D 11/3) REPORTS ON "COMET PLAN," A TRANSLATION OF GVN TOP SECRET DOCUMENT "BEING GIVEN LIMITED CIRCULATION IN WASHINGTON" THAT SETS FORTH STEP-BY-STEP REPRESSION OF ALL OPPOSITION TO THIEU AND HIS MOVES TO IMPOSE DICTATORSHIP. NOTES THAT IT MIGHT BE WRITTEN OFF AS "BLACK PROPAGANDA" BUT SOME EXPERIENCED USG ANALYSTS TAKE IT SERIOUSLY AND ASSUME IT TO BE AN ACTUAL PROPOSAL OF SOME THIEU ASSOCIATES. SAYS CURRENT CRACKDOWN FALLS FAR SHORT OF PLAN. US ANALYSTS SAY THIEU IS SKILLFUL MANIPULATOR WHO IN PAST AVOIDED CONFRONTATION AND RETAINED POWER BY DIVIDING AND CONFUSING OPPOSITION. SEES RECENT GVN HARD LINE AS BEGINNING TO REMIND SOME OBSERVERS OF EVENTS THAT LED TO DIEM OVERTHROW. COMET PLAN DOCUMENT,

DATED SEPT 22, 1974, CALLS FOR QUICK REPRESSION OF ALL OPPOSITION ORGANIZATIONS BY: IMMEDIATE CURFEW, MOBING OF SPEAKERS, PROSECUTION ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES, MASS ARRESTS, SEARCHES AND CHECKPOINTS. STUDENTS WOULD BE PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS INFILTRATED TO PROVOKE VIOLENCE. FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ARE TO BE HARASSED OR BRIBED. ACCORDING TO DUDMAN, DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT PLAN WAS CHECKED OUT WITH AND COMMENTED UPON BY US DIPLOMATS AND CIA PERSONNEL IN SAIGON; SOME FAVORED SOME OPPOSED, OTHERS LIKED IT BUT FEARED IT WOULD FAIL.

DOCUMENT HAS SECTION DEALING WITH INFLUENCING INTERNATIONAL OPINION. SOME ANALYSTS SEE THIEU'S RECENT DISMISSAL OF TOP BRASS AS SIGN OF STRENGTH, NOT WEAKNESS, AND US OFFICIALS TEND TO ACCEPT THIS AS REAL "STATEMENT OF THE SITUATION RATHER THAN AN ALIBI." REVIEWS RECENT VIOLENCE AND DENUNCIATION OF GVN BY BIG MINH, SAYS MOST US ANALYSTS BELIEVE THIEU OVERTHROW WOULD NOT NECESSARILY LEAD TO COMMUNIST RULE.

GVN THREATENS PRISON SENTENCES FOR ANYONE DISTRIBUTING OPPOSITION LEAFLETS (WP).

SHELL OIL SPOKESMAN CALLS RESULTS OF RECENT OIL AND GAS DISCOVERY OFF SVN COAST "ENCOURAGING", BUT SAYS ADDITIONAL TEST WELLS NEEDED TO DETERMINE IF FIND WARRANTS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. SOURCES SAY WILL PROBABLY TAKE FOUR TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SIX MONTHS TO DETERMINE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES (AP, BALTO N-A 11/6).

IN "WHERE ARE THEY NOW?" ARTICLE, WP'S MCCOMBS FROM SAIGON GIVES RUN-DOWN OF SOUTH VIET NAMES FROM PAST DECADE THAT SURFACE FROM TIME TO TIME. MOST NO LONGER PLAY POLITICAL PART, BUT 'BIG'MINH SEEMS TO HAVE SOME SORT OF ROLE; TRI QUANG IS ACTIVE POLITICALLY BUT SECRETIVE; AND GEN. DON IS NOW DEPUTY PM AND THIEU'S LIAISON MAN WITH LEGISLATURE. MME NHU LIVES QUIETLY IN PARIS; MARSHAL KY MANAGES FARM IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS; AND FORMER GEN. THI REPORTEDLY EKES OUT "DIFFICULT LIFE" IN US THROUGH LECTURES AND GENEROSITY OF FRIENDS.

NYT'S SHIPLER IN N. LAOS DESCRIBES OPIUM CULTIVATION BY MEO TRIBESMEN PERSISTS DESPITE EFFORTS BY USG TO INDUCE GROWERS TO SWITCH TO OTHER CROPS. NOTES THAT VIENTIANE-SIDE REGION PRODUCES 60-70 TONS OF OPIUM PER YEAR BUT NO ONE KNOWS HOW MUCH GROWN IN PL AREAS. THIS TONNAGE CONSTITUTES ABOUT TEN-PCT OF TOTAL "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" PRODUCTION, WITH BURMESE CROP LARGEST BY FAR. REVIEWS ATTEMPTS BY RLG TO SUPPRESS OPIUM GROWING AND ROLE OF USAID TO INDUCE TRIBESMEN TO RAISE SOMETHING ELSE.

STATES THAT POLICE LEAVE GROWERS ALONE DESPITE THE LAW.
QUOTES TRIBESMAN THAT HE IS NOW AWARE OF OPIUM'S EVIL
AND FEELS GUILTY ABOUT GROWING IT, BUT IT IS ONLY MEANS
OF LIVELIHOOD AND INCOME AND SO IS "A NECESSITY."

2. KOREA

UPI (SEOUL) REPORTS SK ASSN OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS FOR
RESTORATION OF JUSTICE URGED PRES FORD WEDNESDAY TO
RECONSIDER HIS ROK VISIT (NYDN). AT MYONGDONG
CATHEDRAL, WHERE MORE THAN 2,000 GATHERED TO PRAY

AND PROTEST POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS, ASSN PRESENTED
STATEMENT WARNING THAT VISIT COULD BE INTERPRETED
AS ENDORSEMENT OF PARK'S "REPRESSIVE" RULE (WP;
NYDN).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN SEOUL, ADDS THAT ANTI-PARK
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TURMOIL LARGELY CONFINED TO MIDDLE CLASS AND CITIES,
AND HAS NOT AFFECTED PEASANTS, WORKERS OR SOLDIERS.
DESPITE GROWING CRITICISM, PARK HAS NOT IMPOSED ANY
NEW CONTROLS. ACCORDING DRP'S PARK JOON KYU, CORRECT
EXPLANATION IS THAT PARK HAS GROWN MORE "PHILOSOPHICAL"
ABOUT PROTESTS AND IS NOT SHOWING "HIS OLD TEMPER,"
ALTHOUGH HE IS "NOT EXACTLY HAPPY" ABOUT PROTESTS AND
"CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE STUDENTS." BUTTERFIELD SAYS
FURTHER AND UNKNOWN FACTOR IS IMPACT ON PARK OF HIS
WIFE'S ASSASSINATION, WHICH SOME SAY MAY HAVE MADE
HIM MORE AWARE OF HIS VULNERABILITY AND HAS CAUSED HIM
TO MODERATE HIS ACTIONS.

WHATEVER THE EXPLANATION, KCIA HAS RECENTLY ADOPTED
MORE RESTRAINED APPROACH TO SOME PROTESTERS, ALLOWING
STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WHO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP TO HAVE
TEACHERS OR DEANS WITH THEM DURING QUESTIONING. BUT
NONE OF PARK'S ASSOCIATES EXPECTS HIM TO YIELD ON
CRITICAL ISSUE OF REVISING CONSTITUTION AND THUS
WEAKENING HIS OWN POWER. THUS, HOW PARK WILL DEAL
WITH GROWING PROTESTS REMAINS UNCLEAR. DEMONSTRATIONS
HAVE ALREADY ERUPTED AT OVER 30 UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES, WITH UP TO 2,000 STUDENTS IN SOME OF THEM.

WP'S OBERDORFER, IN KOEYUNG -- "PROGRESSIVE, HARD-
WORKING VILLAGE, SOMEWHAT ABOVE AVERAGE" -- NOTES SIGNS
OF PROGRESS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT 18 MONTHS AGO: SOME
HOUSES HAVE TV AND HAND PUMPS THAT BRING WATER; CONCRETE
"REST HOUSE" FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IS COMPLETE, AS IS RICE
STORAGE BUILDING. VILLAGE SHOWS NO OVERT SIGNS OF
CATHOLIC CHURCH-GOVT CONFLICT, AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
STILL DRIFTING TO CITIES IN SEARCH OF OPPORTUNITY.

CHITRIB HAS FULL-PAGE AD HERALDING NOV 12 APPEARANCE
OF REV. SUN MYUNG MOON.

3. CHINA

RE-ELECTED GOV. SHAPP PREPARES FOR THREE-WEEK "GOVERNMENT-
SPONSORED" PRC TOUR, BEGINNING SATURDAY (PHINQ'S ECENBARGER)

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PRC AMB. LIU HSIN-CHUAN WALKED OUT ON GROMYKO'S SPEECH

WEDNESDAY, AT KREMLIN CEREMONY MARKING 57TH BOLSHEVIK
REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY, WHEN SOVIET FM ACCUSED PEKING
OF COOPERATING WITH "EXTREMIST IMPERIALIST REACTION"
(AP, NYDN; WSJ). BUT SUN'S PARKS (IN MOSCOW) OBSERVES
THAT GROMYKO TOOK RELATIVELY MILD LINE ON SINO-SOVIET
RELATIONS, AS KOSYGIN DID IN SPEECH LAST WEEK, THUS
SUGGESTING SOVIET IS ONCE AGAIN TRYING MODERATION AS
OLD LEADERS BEGIN TO FADE FROM CHINA SCENE.

PRC AIRLINER LANDED AT ORLY AIRPORT WEDNESDAY, INAUGURATING
CHINA'S AIR SERVICE TO PARIS. PLANE CARRIED 59 PRC
POLITICAL, INDUSTRIAL AND ARTISTIC PERSONALITIES (WP).

GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, REPORTS SOME DIPLOMATS
NOW THINK THAT SEVERAL RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON
MILITARY POLICY SIGNAL SHIFT IN PRC STRATEGY IN EVENT
OF SOVIET ATTACK -- RATHER THAN RETREATING INTO MANCHURIA,
STRETCHING SOVIET SUPPLIES, AND BRINGING CHINA'S POWERFUL
MILITIA INTO PLAY, PEKING APPARENTLY NOW FAVORS CONFRONTA-
TION AT BORDER AND DETERMINED DEFENSE OF CRUCIAL
MANCHURIAN INDUSTRIAL BASE. BURNS CONCEDES THAT IN
THEMSELVES, ARTICLES ARE INCONCLUSIVE, PARTLY BECAUSE
THEIR MESSAGE IS CLOAKED IN HISTORICAL ALLEGORY;
BUT TAKEN TOGETHER WITH RECENT STATEMENTS BY CHINESE
LEADERS DE-EMPHASIZING SOVIET MENACE AND MOCKING SOVIET
TROOP STRENGTH ALONG BORDER, THEY STRONGLY SUGGEST MAJOR
RE-THINK HAS TAKEN PLACE.

BURNS HOLDS THAT MILITARILY, IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGE ARE
FAR-REACHING AND COULD RESULT IN SHIFT OF RESOURCES
TOWARD INCREASED PRODUCTION ON HEAVY ARMAMENT AND AIR-
CRAFT NEEDED FOR BORDER STAND. THERE ALSO MIGHT BE MOVE
TO BUILD UP REGULAR PLA FORCES, POSSIBLY AT EXPENSE OF
MILITIA (CSM).

CSM'S HAYWARD, IN KINSHASA, COMPARES SOVIET'S FLAGGING
FORTUNES IN NIGERIA AND ZAIRE WITH THOSE OF PRC, WHICH
SEEM BOOMING. GOWON WAS REPORTEDLY IMPRESSED BY CHINA;
THE FEELING IS THAT MAO AND CHOU ACHIEVED SOME OF

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OBJECTIVES NIGERIA IS STRIVING FOR IN AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, PUBLIC ORDER AND CORRUPTION.

LIKE GOWON, MOBUTU CAME HOME IMPRESSED. PRC KINSHASA MISSION NUMBER OVER 100, AND CHINESE ARE WORKING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN MEDICAL AND AGRICULTURAL TEAMS. PRC HAS ALSO SENT IN 120 MAN MILITARY MISSION TO TRAIN GUERRILLAS

FOR FNLA GROUP IN ANGOLA.

4. JAPAN

GAIMUSHO SPOKESMAN, COMMENTING ON ENDERS/COOPER VISIT TO THREE GOJ MINISTRIES WEDNESDAY, SAID TALKS CENTERED ON RECYCLING OF PETRO-DOLLARS, SUPPLY AND PRICE OF OIL, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES (AP, CHITRIB).

ACCORDING JOC (MOSCOW) DISPATCH, JAPAN'S REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN TYUMEN OIL PROJECT UNDER TERMS OFFERED BY SOVIET IS THOUGHT TO HAVE SURPRISED KREMLIN, WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTING IT MAY TURN DOWN FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SIBERIA AND GO IT ALONE.

NYT'S OFUSA, IN TOKYO, SAYS MITSUBISHI AND SEVEN OTHER MAJOR ENTERPRISES ARE SEARCHING FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY TO REGAIN OIL FROM WASTED COMMODITIES AND MATERIALS OR TO TURN OUT FACTORY PRODUCTS FROM USED ARTICLES.

JAPANESE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CONTROVERSIAL, OCCUPATION-ERA LAW SHARPLY RESTRICTING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (SUN'S SEIDEN).

JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, SAYS TANAKA'S FAMOUS PLAN TO REMODEL JAPANESE ARCHIPELAGO CAME CLOSE TO BEING SCRAPPED AS RESULT OF PRESENT ECONOMIC RECESSION; YET, IT IS NOW BEING REVIVED ON MUCH LONGER-RANGE BASIS AND WITH FULL RECOGNITION OF ITS LIMITATIONS.

US BASEBALL COMMISSIONER KUHN SAYS JAPAN WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME PART OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL; EXPANSION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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HONOLULU WILL BE STEPPING STONE TO JAPAN; AND NAGASHIMA AND OH COULD HAVE BEEN "GREAT PLAYERS" IN MAJORS (UPI, CHITRIB).

5. PHILIPPINES

AP'S ZEITLIN SAYS MRS. MARCOS IS BEING HAILED AT HOME AS COMBINATION HAK/ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FOR HER GROWING DIPLOMATIC AND CIVIC ROLES. HER VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA THIS MONTH WILL INCLUDE STOP IN MEXICO (PHINQ).

6. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE, IN SYDNEY, SEES GOA'S RECENT ACTION, PREVENTING FOREIGN -OWNED AUSTRALIAN ANGLO-AMERICAN LTD. ORGANIZATION

FROM BUYING INTO WAMBO COAL MINE, AS ILLUSTRATION THAT CANBERRA IS DETERMINED THAT NO MORE OF COUNTRY'S COAL RESERVES WILL PASS INTO FOREIGN CONTROL.

PACIFIC LIGHTING CORP OF LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT IT WILL NOT FUND FURTHER OIL/GAS DRILLING BY MAGELLAN GROUP IN PALM VALLEY FIELD OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA, SINCE SURVEYS INDICATE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH GAS THERE TO PROVIDE DELIVERIES OF SIZE ENVISIONED BY THE AGREEMENT (WSJ, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. CHINA

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK (NOV. 6), SEES SIGNS PEKING "EASING THE PRESSURE OF ITS HEAVY HAND ON ALL COMMENTARY CRITICAL OF THE REGIME." ONE WAS RADIO-BROADCAST HUMOROUS DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO STAND-UP COMEDIANS WHICH, DESPITE ITS SUBTLETY, WAS UNDERSTOOD BY EVERY CHINESE LISTENER AS CUTTING COMMENTARY ON DIFFICULTIES REGIME HAS IN MAKING FRIENDS ABROAD; ANOTHER SIGN WAS APPEARANCE AT BIG 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION OF HOU PAO-LING -- ONE OF CHINA'S MOST POPULAR PRACTITIONERS OF THE TRADITIONAL "HSIANG SHENG" COMIC DIALOGUE, WHO HAD BEEN SILENCED AND SENT UNCLASSIFIED

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INTO LIMBO BY YOUNG RED GUARDS DURING GPCR. HOU'S DIALOGUE ROUTINE AT PUBLIC RECEPTION WAS "CLEAR MESSAGE" TO ALL CHINESE OF AN EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON SATIRE. ELEGANT RECALLS THAT HOU WON HIS REPUTATION BY POKING FUN AT REGIME WHEN FREE SPEECH WAS BRIEFLY ENCOURAGED DURING "HUNDRED FLOWERS" MOVEMENT. WHILE HE IS NOT YET BACK ON STAGE, NOR ARE HSIANG-SHENG TAPES AVAILABLE IN HK SOLD WIDELY YET IN CHINA, OFFICIAL SANCTIONS GIVEN THE FORM ON OCT. 1 INDICATES HSIANG-SHENG IS MAKING STRONG COMEBACK.

LAT'S PARROTT CITES COMMENT BY HENRY STEELE COMMAGER, DURING LECTURE IN PENNA., THAT: "TO HANG MEDALS ON NIXON FOR CHINA, IS LIKE PINNING MEDALS ON SOMEONE WHO

SETS YOUR HOUSE ON FIRE FOR 20 YEARS AND FINALLY PUTS IT OUT" (NOV. 6).

8. INDOCHINA

BALTO N-A (11/6) SEES ESCALATING CLASHES BETWEEN GVN OPPONENTS AND RIOT POLICE AS UNDERLINING LACK OF DEMOCRATIC MEANS OF RECOURSE IN SVN. OPINES THAT THIEU REGIME IS BEGINNING TO RESEMBLE CASE OF POLITICAL

BANKRUPTCY. CORRUPTION IS MAJOR OVERT CAUSE OF UNREST, BUT SACKING CABINET MEMBERS AND TRANSFERRING GENERALS HAS NOT LESSENED ZEAL OF ANTI-CORRUPTION FOLLOWERS. THIEU'S OPPONENTS WANT TO PLAY FREER HAND IN SVN POLITICS, AND LABELING CRITICS AS COMMUNISTS OR DUPES INCREASES FRICTION. SVN IS NOW AT STAGE "CHARITABLY... DESCRIBED AS A POLITICAL DEBACLE" AND CONTINUED RIOTS AND REPRESSION CAN ONLY LEAD TO DISASTER. CONCLUDES THAT WHAT SVN NEEDS IS MORE DEMOCRACY, NOT LESS.

KNIGHT FEATURES' CHAMBERLAIN (CHITRIB) COMMENTS ON DETAILED STUDY BY HOUSE REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE CALLED "VIETNAM AT THE BALANCE" THAT REBUTS SEN. KENNEDY'S CRITICISMS OF GVN AND US FOR USING AID FOR MIL PURPOSES. SEES SITUATION AS UNDERSTANDABLE BUT DEPLORABLE SINCE GVN AND US CANNOT BRING PEACE TO PERMIT THOSE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR RECONSTRUCTION. UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTES THE STUDY TO EFFECT THAT NORTH VIETS SIMPLY REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE, THOUGH KENNEDY ASSUMES FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES THAT "FLIES IN THE FACE" OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS THAT DOS "WOULD GLADLY PROVIDE HIM." SAYS REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE CONTENTS THAT DRASTIC AID REDUCTION WOULD LEAD TO SVN COLLAPSE. NOTES THAT GVN CARRIES OUT ENLIGHTENED AGRIC POLICY, BUT NEEDS FUNDS FOR FERTILIZER PLANT THAT WOULD SAVE US TAXPAYERS MONEY. CALLS TEDDY KENNEDY "MISINFORMED" WHEN HE SAID THAT SVN WANTS TO PROLONG FIGHTING, AND ADVISES HIM TO TAKE NOTE OF STUDY SINCE HIS ROLE CLOUDS VIET PICTURE. MAW

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